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CONSECRATION OF A BURIAL-PLACE
F O R
GENERAL COUNT LOCKHART of LEE,

At DRYDEN, MARCH 15. 1790.

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND
DR WILLIAM ABERNETHY-DRUMMOND.

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours. Rev. xiv. 13.

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When the Bishop has entered the place, he and the Clergy with him shall walk round the ground, and then shall the Bishop say the following Prayer.

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.—Then add,*

Lord have mercy upon us.

Clergy and People. Christ have mercy upon us.

Bishop. Lord have mercy upon us.

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OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallow-
ed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven:
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive them that tres-
pass against us; And lead us not into tempta-
tion; But deliver us from evil: For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Then shall the Bishop address the Proprietor of
the ground, or his Representative or Represen-
tatives, in the following terms:*

SIR, [or Gentlemen], Is it your desire, that
this piece of ground be dedicated to God,
and set apart as a burying-place for the late
Proprietor of this estate, and such of his Suc-
cessors as shall chuse to be interred here?

Answer. It is.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Blessed be thou, O God, for ever and ever.
Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the
glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all
that is in the heavens, and in the earth, is thine.
Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art
exalted as head above all. Both riches and
honours come of thee, and of thine own do
we give *this* unto thee. Thou hast command-

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ed us to keep our bodies pure and undefiled, as temples of the Holy Ghost; and decency requires, that holy things should be consigned to holy ground: wherefore, accept, O Lord, *what* is now dedicated unto thee, and look favourably upon this charitable work of ours, in separating from common use, after the example of thy saints, this portion of ground, to be an habitation for the remains of thy servant, the late proprietor, and for the bodies of his successors, whom we pray thee to endue with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that all of them may live in thy faith, and die in thy fear, and be so constantly mindful of this day's solemnity, that they may never desecrate, by an improper alienation, this ground, which has been thus devoted for a dormitory to their dead. Prepare their hearts unto thee; and give them *perfect* hearts to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to believe and do all that thou requirest of them, so long as they shall live upon the earth. And when thou shalt be pleased to remove them out of this transitory world, may they sleep in peace, and rise in glory; and at the general judgment, be set on our Lord and Saviour's right hand,

hand, and hear these joyful words pronounced in their behalf, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, from the foundation of the world. All which we beg, for the sake and sufferings of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

*Then shall the Bishop say,
The proper Psalm for this solemn occasion, is part
of the 88th, the 89th, and 115th Psalms, to
be said alternately.*

Bishop. 1. O Lord God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night
before thee: O let my prayer enter into thy
presence; incline thine ear unto my calling.

Clergy and People. 2. For my soul is full of
trouble, and my life draweth nigh unto the
grave.

Bishop. 3. I am counted as one of them that
go down into the pit; and I have been even
as a man that hath no strength.

Clergy and People. 4. Free among the dead,
like unto them that are wounded, and lie in
the grave; who are out of remembrance, and
are cut away from thy hand.

Bishop.

Bishop. 5. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in a place of darkness, and in the deep.

Clergy and People. 6. Dost thou show wonders among the dead, or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?

Bishop. 7. Shall thy loving kindness be showed in the grave, or thy faithfulnets in destruction?

Clergy and People. 8. Shall thy wondrous works be declared in the dark, and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

Bishop. 9. Unto thee have I cried, O Lord, and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Clergy and People. 10. O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

Bishop. 11. The dead praise not thee, O Lord, neither all that go down into silence.

Clergy and People. 12. But *we* will praise the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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*The First proper Lesson for this awful solemnity is
Genesis xxiii. from the 2d verse; — or what
follows, being taken out of 2 Sam. chap. ii. and
part of the book of Ecclesiastes.*

AND they told David, saying, That the men
of Jabesh-gilead were they that had buried Saul. And David sent messengers unto the
men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them,
Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shewed
this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul,
and have *buried* him.

And the son of David, King Solomon, said,
If a man beget an hundred children, and live
many years, so that the days of his years be
many, and his soul be not filled with good,
and also that he have no *burial*, I say, that an
untimely birth is better than he.

And so I saw the wicked buried, who had
come and gone from the place of the holy; and
they were forgotten in the city where they had
so done.

The spirit of a man goeth upward, and the
spirit of a beast downward to the earth.

The dust shall return to the earth as it was,
and

and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it.

So endeth the First Lesson.

Then shall follow this Hymn, taken out of the 89th and 90th Pſalms, ſung when there is a proper choir or band of ſingers, or ſaid by the Biſhop, Clergy and People alternately, ~~and then~~.

Biſhop.

What man is he that can controul
Death's ſtrict unalterable doom ?
Or reſcue from the grave his ſoul ;
The grave, that muſt mankind entomb.

Clergy and People.

Thou ſweep'ſt us off, as with a flood,
We vaniſh hence like dreams :
At firſt we grow like graſs that feels
The ſun's reviving beams :

Biſhop.

But howſoever freſh and fair
Its *morning* beauty ſhows,
'Tis all cut down and wither'd quite
Before the *evening* cloſe.

Clergy and People.

O teach us, Lord, th' uncertain ſum
Of our ſhort days to mind,
That to true wiſdom all our hearts
May ever be inclin'd.

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The Second proper Lesson is taken out of the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel, from the 38th verse.

AND after this, Joseph of Arimathea (being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews) besought Pilate, that he might take away the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, (who at the first came to Jesus by night), and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes, with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now, in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore, because of the Jews preparation-day, for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

So endeth the Second Lesson.

Then shall be sung, or said alternately, the following Hymn, out of the 16th Psalm.

Bishop.

Therefore my heart all grief defies,
 My glory does rejoice;
 My flesh shall rest, in hope to rise,
 Wak'd by his powerful voice.

Clergy

Clergy and People.

Thou, Lord, when I resign my breath,
 My soul from hell shalt free ;
 Nor let thy Holy One in death
 The least corruption see.

Bishop.

Thou shalt the paths of life display,
 That to thy presence lead,
 Where pleasures dwell without allay,
 And joys that never fade.

Bishop, Let us pray.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, who
 hast taught us that man, who is born of a
 woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full
 of misery ; that he cometh up like a flower, and
 is cut down, and fleeth as it were a shadow,
 and never continueth in one stay ; imprint
 these sacred truths so deeply on our minds,
 that they may effectually wean us from the
 world and its vanities, and make us think often
 and seriously on the time when we must lie
 down in the grave ; and grant that neither the
 splendour of any thing that is great, nor the
 conceit of any thing that is good in us, may
 at any time withdraw our eyes from looking
 upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes, but
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O Eternal and ever-blessed Lord God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, in joy and felicity, we meekly beseech thee, to raise us from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Christ, as all thy *faithful* servants who have gone before us do. And grant that, when the last trumpet shall sound, and all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man, and shall come forth, we may rise to glory and immortality, and to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, which is reserved in Heaven for all that love and fear thee, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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Here might be sung the Resurrection Hymn, were there a proper choir. But these being wanting, the Bishop shall dismiss the company with the following blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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